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BE PART OF OUR E-TEAM

Please consider E-MAILING us with your e-ddress so we can put you on our E-TEAM Prayer and Update List. Just send a "HI" to ghippe@integrity.com



THIS WILL ENABLE US TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON BLESSINGS, CHALLENGES, NEEDS AND PRAYER REQUESTS.



As THANKSGIVING 2009 approaches, we look back on another year of ministry and are so very thankful for each of you who have made it possible for us to "Serve God's Servants."

Without your prayer and the financial support of those who God has prompted and enabled to give, it would be impossible to do what God has challenged us to do. We are well aware that there are many more "glamorous" ministries where you could direct your resources.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support. We THANK YOU for being sensitive the leadership of the Holy Spirit and holding our arms up in ministry.



My Christmas Gift



The Christmas challenge for us all is to remember how God Himself modeled giving and model this giving to others. In the most familiar verse in the Bible, John 3:16 the words ring, "For God so loved the world, that He **GAVE** . . ." God gave the greatest gift that could ever be given, His Son. He gave His Son to pay a debt He did not owe because we had a debt we could not pay. It is this model of giving that we are to emulate.

Each of the Gospels tells of a woman who gave the best of what she had to worship the Lord Jesus. This woman gave her costly perfume, not a splash or two, but all of it. She gave as an act of worship. You may think that what you have is not much to offer God. You are wrong. If it is what God has given you, it is much. Take what He has given and invest it in eternity. As I'm sure you are aware, the rewards of this type of investment are "out of this world." Her gift was an expression of the emptying of self. More than any gift, God wants us to give ourselves freely back to Him.

God does not expect us to give more than what we are enabled to give, but He does expect us to give. It's not how much we give, but are we giving what God urges us to give? Our giving should not be of necessity, but from a grateful heart, from an overflow of our love relationship with God. It is because of His giving that we are motivated to give. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 ". . . He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

Share the gift of the Gospel with those whose lives you touch this Christmas season. After all, isn't the greatest gift anyone could receive the gift of eternal life—**HEAVEN?**



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The HAW CLAN

Here's a photo of Diane's family from our summer trip to Minneapolis. Included is her Mother, Doris (far center), and brothers Jim, Steve, Bill and John along with spouses and one niece. Doris is recovering from a severe bleeding ulcer and a mild heart attack. She is also struggling with macular degeneration and severe arthritis. She is presently unable to walk without assistance and cannot see. She now needs full time nursing care. The family is looking for a facility that can meet her needs.

We may need to fly back to Minneapolis to help with this move.

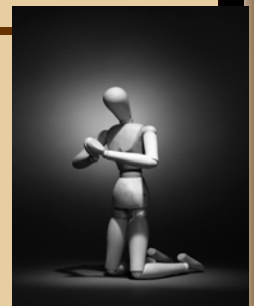
Please keep Diane's Mother in prayer.



Partnering Through Prayer

- Our only debt—\$706 on our VISA card (majority, office needs); pray this will be PAID IN FULL this month.
- Pray for 10 new churches and/or individuals to commit to monthly financial support for ESM (At this time we are behind about \$1,500 from meeting budget)
- Pray for funds for DVD apologetics series from Answers in Genesis
- Pray for funds for the Tabernacle Furniture Set—\$249 (there have been a couple of gifts toward this) "The Ultimate Proof of Creation" / "Evolution and Logical Fallacies" / "Nuclear Strength Apologetics 1&2"
- Please continue to pray for Diane's health. The treatment for a stubborn sinus infection is tedious (three times daily), but seems to be helping. I would be nice to have this cleared up once for all.
- Pray for your pastor and look for a way to encourage him, his wife and/or children.
- Pray with us for ministry opportunities and effectiveness.

Answer to Prayer: I have been asked to teach two classes at Moody Spokane for the spring semester. I am looking forward to teaching and trust that God will allow us to be effective in challenging the students who will be attending class. **THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US.**

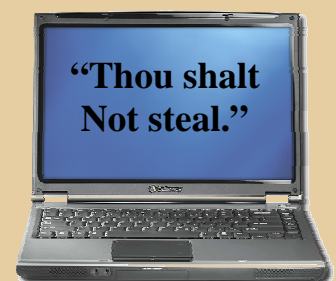


LAPTOP CHALLENGES CONTINUE . . . but I think we're figuring it out

After four months, we finally received a partial reimbursement from the theft of our laptop. The insurance company involved certainly did not make this easy. We are grateful for the folks at Southside Community Church in Cocolalla, Idaho who followed through with this frustrating situation and assisted us.

Our new laptop has presented us with some ongoing challenges. I think most of the problem is with the Vista operating system. We are receiving a free upgrade of Windows 7 and hope to have things working properly by December.

We are also still working on getting our receipting program functioning properly. If you donated to our ministry this year and did not receive a donation receipt for your giving to this date for 2009, please contact us so we can correct this. Receipts were sent out a week ago, so you should have received yours by now.



ESM Van Would Be Classed as a Clunker by Some

Until the Lord makes it abundantly clear, our board has decided that it is wisest to continue to keep our ESM 1993 Chevy van in good running order. We simply have not been able to find an adequate replacement vehicle. We are deeply appreciative of those who have given to our van fund.

This fund has been set aside to use ONLY for van maintenance and repairs or for a newer vehicle that we may locate. We have \$6,586.48 set aside. The van is in good running order with no major problems of which we are aware. We also have honest, reliable mechanics who have served us for over twenty years at Autocraft in the Spokane Valley.

If you become aware of a newer vehicle that could meet our ministry needs, please contact us.



Thoughts from Diane . . . Politically Uninformed

I was listening to the news not long ago and caught an important point the commentator was making. He said the political party that he was referring to was not worried about the philosophy of the other party or of the people that listened to them. The groups that they knew they could reach were the middle of the road, the undecided and the politically uninformed. They knew that if they could get to them on the television stations they listened to and repeated their philosophy over and over they could sway loyalties to their party.



One of the things I've struggled with since accepting Christ is personal discipline in prayer and Bible reading. It's not that I don't read and pray it's that something always seems to get in the way, whether by my own choice or through unexpected interruptions. In the last few years, I took the advice of an older gentleman on Moody radio. He said he kept a journal of personal notes as he read through God's word. This has been one of the most valuable tools I've established in spending quality time with God. It's so easy to become distracted and go for days without meeting with God. That can lead to frustration, anger, discouragement and finally, for me, depression. Then, when I get my Bible and journal back out, the cares of this world fall away. My perspective changes and I'm renewed in my spirit.

This is not a lecture to anyone on how you should find that time or what would work for you. When I first came to Christ I remember watching other kids and adults and trying to recreate what they did in their relationship with God. It always seemed a bit mysterious to me and so often I felt like a failure, that I just wasn't "doing it right." It took a long time but I finally figured out that I just needed to read my Bible and talk to God about everything. Some people just seem so smart and know so much. They learn fast and retain much of everything they look at. I'm not one of those people. However, I do have a relationship with the Creator of the Universe! He is more than willing to be patient with me. He listens to me when I confess my failure and encourages me in my walk with him. If it were not for that love and encouragement, I would have never made it through the sorrows of this life. He is forever faithful.

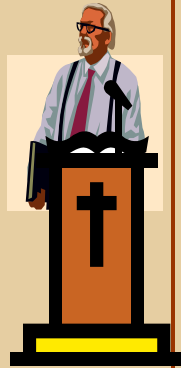
Would you be considered as one of those politically middle of the road, undecided or uninformed? Well, I can tell you that means little compared to what God wants you to know about his plan for your life. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." This is truth you need to be informed about. Proverbs 27:1 "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth." I implore you, don't remain undecided. Only God knows the day of our birth and our death. Finally, as a Christian, don't remain middle of the road. Read His word! Start somewhere, you will never know what God has to say to you if you don't open your Bible.

That commentator understood a truth that many Christians don't. If you're not willing to take the time to study the issues you will believe a lie. Many Christians know a lot about politics and many other things about this world. However, if you don't know the truth about God's Word, then you will be easily led astray in Satan's lies. Let this be the week you begin to build on the truth that matters!



I Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm! Diane

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OFFICE MOVE STILL PENDING . . .

We are still awaiting word as to whether or not we will need to find new office space. We are actively looking for an affordable place that will meet our needs. It is still possible that we will NOT have to move. We should know within the next month if moving is necessary. We have also considered the possibility of putting books and bookshelves in storage until a space is open. We would appreciate your continued prayers regarding this.



Where We've Been, What We've Been Up to & Where We're Headed Next . . .

August 23— First Baptist Church, St. Maries, ID / Sunday School and a.m. Service
September 23— Mountain View Bible Church / AWANA Club
September 26— ESM Board Meeting
Sept 28/ Oct 19 / Nov 16—Mending Fences / leadership meeting
October 18—Elk Community Church (visit)
November 14 - Board Meeting / New Hope Bible Church

TO SUMMIT UP



We are available for pulpit supply even on short notice.
Does your church need a speaker for your special holiday outreach, AWANA Club, Sunday School, teen or kids winter camps, or any other special event?
Contact us to serve your ministry needs. We are here to serve.